GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:252
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2008
WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Bank assistance provided for the agricultural sector during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the agricultural sector is not getting the entire benefit of the above assistance;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the underutilization of the World Bank assistance in the agricultural sector;

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 252 DUE FOR REPLY ON 17TH MARCH, 2008.

(a): The details of the World Bank assistance provided for the agricultural sector during the last three years is given at annexure-1.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) to (f): Monitoring and evaluation of implementation of the projects is a regular feature. While utilization under all the three ongoing watershed projects in Karnataka, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh has been satisfactory, the utilization under Assam Agricultural Competitive Project has been found to be only moderately satisfactory because of slow disbursement and implementation. The National Agricultural Innovation Project has also been behind schedule. The reasons for slow disbursement and implementation are being addressed.

ANNEXURE-1

WORLD BANK AIDED AGRICULTURE SECTOR PROJECTS

(US$ Million)

S.NO.	PROJECT'S NAME	STATES NO.	LN/CR NING	SIG- CTIVE DATE	EFFE- SING DATE FROM	CLO- SING DATE	PROJECT COST	LN/CR AMOUNT	CUM.DISB UPTO JAN.08#
1.	ASSAM AGRI. COMPETITIVE-NESS PROJECT	ASSAM	4013-IN	14.1.05	24.2.05	31.3.2010	214.25	154	28.411
2.	UTTARAKHAND DECENTRALISED	UTTAR-AKHAND	3907-IN	30.7.04	10.9.04	31.3.2012	89.35	69.62	17.254

WATERSHED
DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT

3. KARNATAKA KARNA- 3528-IN 26.7.01 10.9.01 31.3.2008 107.6 #80.4 55.26
WATERSHED TAKA
DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT

4. HP MID- HIM. 4133-IN 19.1.06 24.2.06 31.3.2013 75 60 15.818
HIMALAYAN PRADESH
WATERSHED
DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT

5. NATIONAL CENTRAL 4161-IN/ 24.7.06 18.9.06 31.12.2012 250 200 21.089
AGRICULTURAL 4162-IN
INNOVATION
PROJECT

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